

SPORTS



Soviet Grandmasters Garry Kasparov (left) and Alexander Belyavsky face each other in a Moscow world challenger series quarterfinals match due to wind up on March 23. This is the first time that either has played in a competition of this kind.

Photo by Gennady Dubikovsky

WORLD CUP LATEST

American Bill Koch leads the Cup standings with 95 points, followed by Yuri Burlakov, of the USSR, with 86 points. Zavyalov is third with 84 points.

Changes on victory stand

Karin Enke, of the GDR, is the world top speedskating sprinting allrounder with 167.655 points. 1982 world champion Natalya Petrysova, of the USSR, came second with 167.873 points and Christa Rothenburger, of the GDR, placed third with 169.500 points.

Last year, world sprinting champion Sergei Klyebnikov, of the USSR, who led after the first day of men's competition in Finland, fell during the 500 m event on the second day, and Akira Kuroiwa, of Japan, won his first yet world allround title with 153.540 points. Pavel Petrov, of the USSR, placed second with 154.290, and Hilbert van der Dijm, of Holland, third with 154.820 points.

SPASSKY WINS

Boris Spassky, of the USSR, world chess ex-champion, amassed 6.5 points to win an international tournament at Linares, Spain. World champion Anatoly Karpov and Sweden's Andersson placed second-third, level at six points each.

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Crowning achievement

In the last event of the world biathlon men's championship, the 4x7.5 km relay, the USSR squad of Bulygin, Shalna, Kasharov and Miroshnikov triumphed in 1 hr 36 min 48.5 sec (without penalties). The GDR placed second in 1:38.04.7 and Norway third, in 1:41.27.1.

The Soviet team after the 4x7.5 kilometre relay race which won them gold medals at the biathlon world championships now held at Anterselva, Italy.

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IOC SESSION SOON

The Indian Olympic Association will do its utmost to make the 86th IOC session, due in Delhi in late March, a success, association President R. Bhambra Singh told a press conference. He stressed that the association has already set up 14 special commissions working on preparations for the session. Singh further said that 63 out of the IOC's 86 members have already confirmed their attendance.

Singh noted that the session will concentrate on devising a code admitting sportspersons to Olympic participation as well as in preparations for the Sarajevo Winter Games and the Los Angeles Summer Olympics.

The next IOC sessions are due in Sarajevo in early February and in Los Angeles, in late July of next year.

Another two matches ahead

The USSR boxing team went down to the USA, 5-7, in Las Vegas, in their first match overseas.

The teams will meet on two more occasions.

Photo by Sergei Prosukov

GIRARDELLI WORTH HIS SALT



The Central Army Club beat Kiev Strafei 64-63 to come second in a tournament between eight top Soviet teams. The club which placed in the top four will now battle it out for the top awards: Kaunas Zalgiris will take on the Central Army Club and Moscow Dynamo will clash with Strafei.

Photo by Sergei Prosukov

Marc Girardelli, 19, of West Germany, won the special title at Gaellivare, Sweden, his first World Cup win. He thus paid to the Austrian coaches as they were wrong in barring him from their team.

Of Austrian extraction, Girardelli has long sought a berth in the national team, but the coaches were not particularly encouraging on this score, and in 1980 he joined the Liechtenstein squad, making a name for himself in Alpine skiing there.

His win in Sweden on the world slalom was easily convincing — he did 1 min 32.49 sec in his run while Sweden's Stig Strand and Ingemar Stenmark placed second and third respectively in 1:33.88 sec and 1 min 34.00 sec.

Stenmark has regained his special slalom title with 11 points, as no one will not be able to catch up with him. At the close of the season Stenmark will receive the "Small Crystal Globe" from the hands of American Phil Mahre who won the event last year.

Meanwhile Mahre commands leads the overall Cup standings with 218 points against 197 for Stenmark. Andreas Wenzl of Liechtenstein is third with 168 points. Pirkko Zubriggen and Peter Luescher, both of Switzerland, have 101 and 93 points respectively.

Champions quit

Three outstanding Russian gymnasts, 1979 world champion floor exerciser Irina Eberle and world team champions Rodica Dumitrescu and Manuela Ruhn, have decided to quit competitive sport. Olympic champion Nadia Comaneci, who recently defended her third title at teachers' training college, is retiring from her competition — this year. Comaneci is training for her last competition — the world Universiade at Edmonton, Canada.



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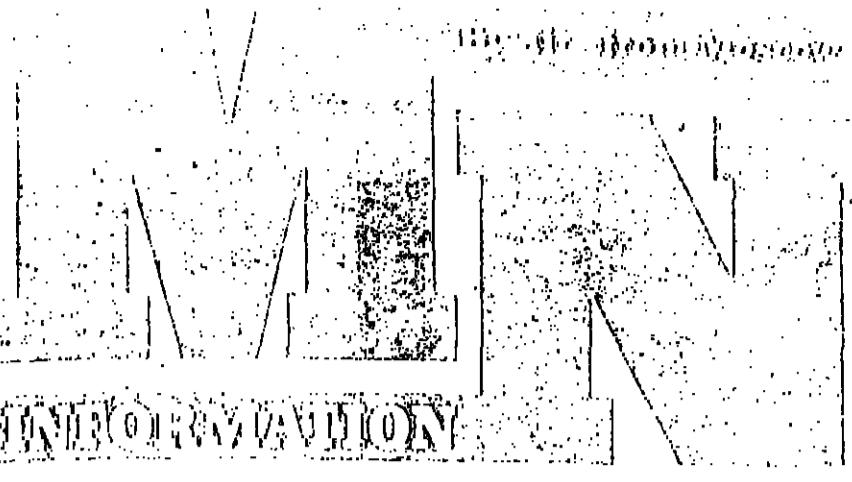
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SPRING HOLIDAY

Every year the wonderful March 8 holiday heralds in spring. International Women's Day is now observed in many countries. We wish our female readers well and that all their dreams come true!

We carry an article by Alla Lavrentyeva, USSR Deputy Minister for Light Industry, on the working and everyday life of Soviet women, as well as views on the same subject by Maly Theatre Actress Yevgeniya Chubakova, Kathleen de Waal, head of the Moscow office of the Belgian Burinrade company, and Natalya Bestemianova, European and national ice-dancing champion.

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POLITBURO WEEKLY MEETING

The Politburo examined the proposals for improved legislation, to perfect the operation of transport and other matters involved in further cooperation between this country and the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic in the sphere of legal aid in civil, family and criminal matters.

Other foreign and domestic issues were also examined.

STEFAN OLSZOWSKI IN MOSCOW

Talks have been held in Moscow between ministers of foreign affairs Andrei Gromyko of the USSR and Stefan Olszowski of Poland.

The two ministers discussed Soviet-Polish relations, as well as topical international problems dealing mainly with European security. It is reported that the talks were held in a friendly and cordial atmosphere and confirmed complete unanimity of views on all the matters discussed.

GROMYKO RECEIVES INDIAN AMBASSADOR

The Soviet Minister of Foreign Affairs Andrei Gromyko has received the Indian Ambassador in Moscow, V. K. Ahuja, at the latter's request.

The Ambassador handed over a message from the Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi addressed to the General Secretary of the CPSU Central Committee Yuri Andropov.

In the conversation that followed the two men discussed Soviet-Indian relations and some international issues of interest to both the USSR and India.



Manila residents gather outside the United States embassy to condemn American interference in the country's internal affairs.

Photo UPI-TASS

NON-ALIGNMENT FORUM IN DELHI

Delhi. The non-alignment movement is now an important platform for the promotion of peace, friendship and cooperation between peoples. The international community is becoming increasingly active in world politics and that its peace-promotion work has earned it mounting recognition and authority worldwide.

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INTERVIEW WITH MRS. PAPANDREOU



you quite candidly that the feelings we now feel is the most pleasant we have ever experienced. We saw a great deal and learned a lot about the life of Soviet people.

We Greeks have a great respect for your people and know of the heavy price you paid to overcome fascism. True, one cannot describe contacts between our peoples as being really strong. But with the changes in our country and Chairman of the USSR Council of Ministers Nikolai Tikhonov's recent visit to Greece, as well as our trip to the USSR, we believe that a new era is being turned in the history of closer relations between our countries. We must join hands to build up our cooperation, which brings the common drive for peace.

A meeting has been held in Moscow of the Soviet public Commission of Inquiry in the crimes of the Israeli aggressors in Lebanon.

A report was heard from the Soviet delegation who attended the 2nd Session of the International Commission of Inquiry into Israeli Crimes Against the Lebanese and Palestinian Peoples, which took place in Geneva.

On behalf of the Soviet people, the delegates declared their complete support for the just cause of the Lebanese and Palestinian peoples. They demanded the unconditional withdrawal of the invader's troops from the occupied territory and severe punishment for the Israeli murderers.

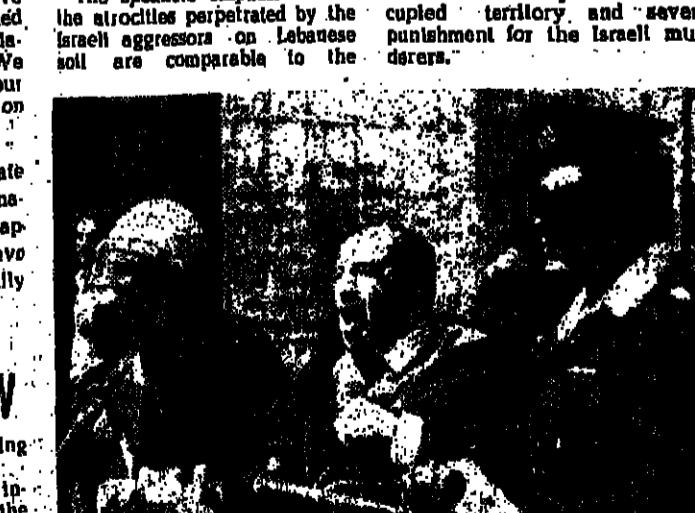
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brutality of the Nazis during World War II. It was stressed that the barbaric actions committed by Israel, enjoying direct protection from the United States, were a gross violation of International law and the UN Charter.

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With ever greater severity the Israeli invaders impose their regime on the occupied Arab lands. During punitive operations against the local population, they carry out sweeping searches and arrests. The Israeli security services and armed forces meet demands for Israeli immediate withdrawal from the Arab lands with forces of arms, tear gas and water cannons.

We cooperate with the Soviet Union in heavy machine-building, in the processing of raw materials, in the agroindustrial

sector, in heavy engineering, in the processing of raw materials, in the agroindustrial

Ethiopian trade unionists signed ten-year agreement

A delegation of leaders from the All-Ethiopian Trade Union, headed by its Chairman Tedros Asfaw, recently visited Moscow and Tbilisi, capital of Georgia, at the invitation of the All-Union Central Trade Union Council (AUCUC).

During the visit, talks were held with representatives of Soviet trade unions, led by the AUCUC Chairman Stepan Shapovalov.

The aim of our visit was to further strengthen cooperation between trade unions in Ethiopia and the USSR, and also to sign an agreement on a ten-year period of cooperation in political, economic and social matters. Tedros Asfaw stressed

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KOIVISTO ON FINNISH POLICY

Helsinki. The Finnish President Mauno Koivisto favours a successful outcome to the Madrid Meeting, a follow-up to the Helsinki Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe.

Addressing a session of parliament, he said Finland's situation in the world had remained stable largely thanks to the efforts and activities of his predecessors, J. K. Paasikivi and Urho Kekkonen. "I have no intention of questioning this heritage and will not allow it to be damaged in any way," he added.

"In a month's time, we shall

celebrate the anniversary of the 1918 Soviet-Finnish Treaty on Friendship, Cooperation and Mutual Assistance," he said. "The experience we have gained since the treaty has been in effect shows that the decision taken 35 years ago was farsighted."

On the preservation of stability in Northern Europe Koivisto stressed that the Finnish proposals to strengthen security in the area still stood. "Over the past four decades the idea of setting up a nuclear-free zone in the north of Europe has found support in other northern countries," he noted.



Drawing by Leonid Belobrov

POLISH VETERANS PROTEST

Warsaw. Polish war veterans have issued a protest against the irresponsible statements made by the West German revisionists who are contesting the post-war territorial and political realities in Europe.

The President of the General Council of the Union of Fighters for Freedom and Democracy — an organization with a membership of 50,000 war veterans has issued a statement in which it notes that the forces of "cold war" and revisionists in the

FRG are oppressing lands which historically belong to Poland.

The militaristic policies pursued by the American administration and other NATO countries are aimed at undermining the post-war territorial and political system in Europe, they stress.

It is our right and duty to declare that there is no force which can reverse the course of history. The countries of the socialist community and the Warsaw Treaty organization act as a guarantee of this truth, the Polish war veterans declare.

WAR NOT PEACE CORPS

Washington. In its anti-communist effort the Reagan administration is making good use of the Peace Corps, an organization notorious for its close links with the CIA and other American special services.

Attending hearing in Senate subcommittee, the Corps direc-

tor confirmed that a new course, called "the strategy, tactics and threat of communism", had been added to the programme for training Peace Corps "volunteers". According to her, one of the most important tasks facing "volunteers" in their work abroad is to conduct anti-communist propaganda.

SAMORA MACHEL IN USSR

(Continued from page 1) our region like Angola, a portion of whose territory is under occupation, and to border violations and raids against peace-loving nations.

Our duty is to mobilize the democratic forces and the public worldwide and to convince Western governments to regard colonialism in Namibia and apartheid in South Africa as an atrocious crime against mankind, he noted. In this rea-

Non-alignment forum in Delhi

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criticized the attempts by the foreign ministers of Pakistan, Malaysia and Singapore to have the representatives of the discredited bloodstained Pol Pot regime admitted to the conference.

He emphasized that efforts to resuscitate the criminal Pol Pot clique run counter to the interests of the Kampuchean people and of the non-alignment movement, which aims at promoting peace, national independence and a new world economic order. Above all, such efforts advance the plots of the imperialist states and of the world reac-

tion, who hope to divert the Delhi forum from a discussion of current pressing issues.

The minister further noted that the Vietnamese volunteer forces now stationed in Kampuchea at the request of the Kampuchean government are being gradually pulled out from that country and will be completely withdrawn once there is no outside threat to the security of the Kampuchean people.

The economic committee of the 7th conference met to discuss an economic draft declaration submitted by India. The Group of 77 Chairman Faruk Subhan, of Bangladesh, stressed the need for a new world economic order. All the attempts of the non-aligned states to hold talks with the industrialized nations on restructuring world economic relations have been of no avail, he stressed, owing to the position adopted by the Western nations, primarily the United States.

The 7th conference in Delhi will have a record number of participants — 95 out of the 97 members of the non-alignment movement will be in attendance. UN Secretary-General Javier Pérez de Cuellar will be present as an observer.

Samora Machel also met with Soviet Minister of Foreign Affairs Andrei Gromyko, the Soviet Minister of Defence Mar-

garet Ustinov; and with Alternate Member of the Politbureau of the CPSU Central Committee, Secretary of the CPSU Central Committee, Boris Ponomaryov.

Andrei Gromyko and the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of Mozambique, J. Chissano, signed a protocol on cultural and scientific cooperation in 1983-84 between the Soviet Union and the People's Republic of Mozambique.

VIEWPOINT

Edgar CHEPOROV

AMERICA'S 'RAPID AGGRESSION FORCE'

Both the American intention to double the strength of its rapid deployment force and the forthcoming Delhi Summit of the Non-Aligned Countries are now making headlines in the press. To compare these phenomena, after all, is quite a natural thing to do. Clearly, while the non-aligned nations are promoting peace and détente, Washington is busy bolstering its rapid deployment force whose area of operation extends to any part of the globe where "American interests" come under threat.

The rapid deployment force, the Pentagon states, is needed by America to wage a "small war" in the Middle East, Africa or elsewhere. Even now the force is equipped with the latest weapons and boasts three Army and two Marine divisions, tactical aviation

and naval units, as well as auxiliary ships, hundreds of tanks, helicopters and tank killers. In this fiscal year alone the force will cost 1,550 million dollars.

According to a report by the US Congressional Budget Office, the strength will be brought up to 440,000 in the nearest future. While originally the force was to be used in the oil-rich Persian Gulf zone, the report continues, there has now been a significant expansion in the range of its possible operations.

On January 1, 1983 this police

force was placed under the control of the Central Command, specially set up by the Pentagon, whose sphere of operation extends from Kenya in the south-west to Pakistan in the east.

The strategy of the rapid deployment force is to expand and

strengthen American military bases and facilities. Among the numerous strongpoints available for the force the report singled out the strategically important Ras Banas air base in Egypt. Somalia is also an important card in the Pentagon game as America is reported to have access to the naval and air bases at Berbera and Kisimayu. Simultaneously, Washington is increasingly involving the Somali regime in its provocations in Africa and the Middle East. Last December Somali troops attacked the war games code-named Jade Tiger, held over a vast area in Oman, Sudan and Somalia with the rapid deployment force also taking part. Washington still thinks a lot of Garcia Island dubbed recently by US Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs

as a critical point of American presence in the Indian Ocean.

CRUSADE AGAINST SOCIALISM

The rapid deployment force was conceived and built up as a spearhead of aggression and expansion. American leaders, however, still insist that the force was an outgrowth of events in Afghanistan. It is evident, though, that the idea of such a force was in the air and debated by the Pentagon and American political quarters not only long before the events in Afghanistan but even prior to the collapse of the Iranian shah. The 1973-74 energy crisis scared the principal oil importers, primarily the United States, who were discontented with the growing independence of the Persian Gulf nations. All this led to the idea of setting up a mobile military unit which could be used as a police baton against all who threaten American interests.

The desire to retain access to raw materials and, especially oil, is a major source of the military shift in American foreign policy and of its reliance on sheer force. Washington is quite outspoken about its intention of making the United States a dominant political and military force in key strategic areas of the world such as the Caribbean, the Mediterranean, the south of Africa, the Pacific and the Indian Ocean.

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British doctors warn against 'limited nuclear war'

London. The so-called limited nuclear war, which is to be publicly justified by the American administration, will inevitably grow into total nuclear conflict which will put an end to civilization on earth, says a report released by the British Medical Association.

The statement gives details of the horrific consequences which nuclear war could have for people in Britain. It notes that in the very first days of the war, 38 million Britons will die and another 4.3 million will be badly wounded and burnt. Because of the large scale of the devastation and the high radiation levels, any aid to the victims would be impossible in the first three weeks.

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SPY EXPOSES HIS MASTERS

Kabul. I knew very little about Afghanistan. They tried to convince me that the authorities in that country are harassing the people. But once on the spot I saw this was not true. Frenchman Jean-Marie Augayare, illegally smuggled into Afghanistan, told a press conference in Kabul.

The country is doubtless going through great difficulties, he stressed. I am convinced that a halt has to be put to interference by imperialist nations into the internal affairs of Afghanistan and that the counter-revolutionary camps in Pakistan have to be eliminated. I now regret my former involvement with the counter-revolutionaries.

Augayare further noted that, among other things, he had been ordered to gather evidence of use by the Afghan government troops of Soviet-made chemical weapons. He had found no evidence of such use, he said.

When asked to comment on allegations in a US State Department report to the effect that three cases of the use of chemical weapons against civilians by Afghan troops had been registered in the Logar province in September 1982, Augayare stressed that this was a lie.

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The rapid development of observation and computing technologies has enabled the Soviet astronomers to discover a great number of "mini"-planets over the past few years. Today, their list was extended by new ones included into the catalogue published annually by the Leningrad-based Institute of Theoretical Astronomy at the USSR Academy of Sciences.

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ENTERTAINMENT



Yevgeniya Glushenko, actress with the Maly Theatre, Moscow

An unexpected present for me on International Women's Day is the "The Silver Bear" prize, which I was awarded for the best performance of a female part in Sargel Alkailyan's film, "In Love of His Own Accord" in which I play the role of Vera, a librarian. The film was shown in West Berlin at the 33rd International Berlinale Festival.

It is the first time that I have been presented with such a valuable international award. In 1980, I won a prize for the best female part in the film, "Married for the First Time" at the 13th All-Union Film Festival.

I have been with the Maly Company for nearly nine years now. On the 8th of March we usually perform "Amour", a play by the French dramatist Jean Sartre, in which I take the part of Marie Jose, the granddaughter of the heroine. This year, we shall be performing the play on March 7, and I will spend the holiday at home with my two children.

USSR-VIETNAM: CULTURAL COOPERATION

An exhibition of pictures from the Moscow Tretiakov Gallery is to go to Vietnam. This is but one of the items in the cooperation protocol for 1983 signed by the USSR Ministry of Culture and the Ministry of Culture and Information of the SRV.

There are many other exciting events lying in store for art lovers in the two countries. The Hanoi Puppet Theatre, as well as circus and variety arties are to tour the Soviet Union. The Soviet public will also see an exhibition of ancient Vietnamese sculpture and silk printing. In turn the Soviet ballet and Circus and a pop group from Kirghizia, called Naris, will go to Vietnam.

There are to be wider exchanges between the Lenin State Library in Moscow and the National Library in Hanoi. Soviet experts will continue to help their Vietnamese colleagues train highly qualified specialists in the arts.

Beneficial effect of absence of gutter publications

We have been greatly impressed by the fact that in the Soviet Union cultural treasures are accessible to everyone, and not only to the few chosen, said Kristina Palkkala, Secretary General of the Finland-USSR Society, after becoming acquainted with cultural life in Soviet Estonia.

Estonians have a wide choice of world fiction published in their native language in their bookstores. Palkkala noted. I have learnt that over the years of Soviet power leading works by writers from a hundred countries and peoples have been translated in this small republic. This is wonderful. I could not help noticing the absence of the gutter publications which overcrowd bookstores in the West. Books by Estonian writers, both classical and modern, are issued in large circulations. And none of them stays on the shelf for long.

In my opinion, the high moral standards of the Soviet people can be explained by the ideal conditions they enjoy for satisfying the widest range of cultural interests. And this has quite a strong bearing on the Soviet people's struggle for peace the world over, Palkkala noted in conclusion.

DAGHESTAN LEZGINKA DANCE ENSEMBLE



The Lezginka ensemble.

It has long been said of the Caucasus that children in our mountain villages first learn to dance and only then to walk, says 42-year-old Kofi Matayev, artistic director and chief choreographer of the Lezginka dance ensemble of the Daghestan ASSR. The art of dancing in the Caucasus is passed down from father to son and from mother to daughter. This is why many of the items in our programme today were danced by our an-

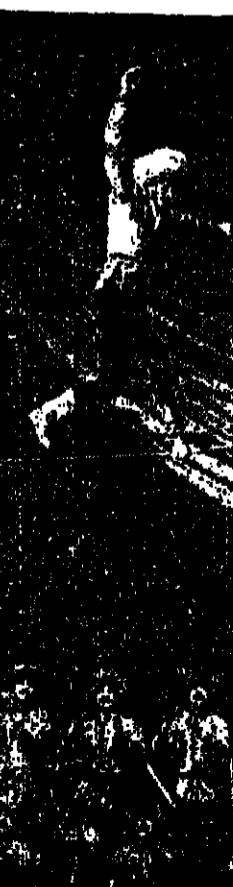
cestors way back in the 13th-14th centuries.

The ensemble named after the best known Caucasian dance, the Lezginka, has an interesting history.

Daghestan's first professional dance group, it was formed from award winners — farmers, workers, college and secondary school students at a competition of folk ensembles held in Makhachkala, the capital of this autonomous republic, in the Northern Caucasus, in 1958.

The 50-strong ensemble representing all the nationalities in Daghestan and the other North Caucasian republics and including a sprinkling of Russians, Ukrainians and Belarusians, has given performances in 36 countries. People in Daghestan speak 36 languages and are united by the expressive and emotional language of dance, one gets the impression that the young male dancers in the ensemble, dressed in national Cherkess costume, "fly" across the stage into the arms of their female counterparts, who, it seems, are suspended in the air barely touching the ground with their feet. There are many numbers in their repertoire with the "Unzukul" (brave warrior), "Gyulbab" (spring flower), and "Minzir" (beauty, happiness) being staunch favourites. The tightrope dances are also popular with audiences. Long ago people living in the remote mountain village of Tschkura were virtually cut off from the "outside world", their only form of contact with their neighbours being to walk and even to dance — across thin cables strung over deep chasms and torrential rivers.

Such "cable bridges" are no longer around, but the dances connected with them still live on.



The tightrope dance.

Photos by Alexander Yakovlev

MARCH PLAYBILL: GUEST PERFORMANCES

Guest performers from over fifteen countries of Europe, Asia and America will tour the Soviet Union in March.

The following companies will be coming to this country for the first time: the Canadian pantomime theatre whose concert programme will include the number "Five Wonderful Reasons to Laugh"; the Teatro della Tosca from Genoa, Italy; and the Corini di Praga, a French horn quartet from Czechoslovakia.

Muscovites and visitors to Moscow will hear Gianni Morandi, the Italian pop star, film actor and TV compere.

The March playbills also include pianists, singers and conductors from Belgium, the GDR, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, Italy and Turkey. Soviet pop fans will have a chance to listen to the following groups: the Leaders from Yugoslavia, the Lotus from Vietnam, as well as a group from the GDR called Nicaraguan Rhythms Ensemble. Pop stars will be big part in the concert programme named Friends Melodics.

Also in March well-known Soviet ensembles, singers, musicians and ballet soloists will be taking off for foreign parts. The Don Cossacks, song and dance ensemble will be appearing in Japan, the Prokofiev Quartet will play in Italy and the Krasnoyarsk Quartet will tour Venezuela, Colombia, Nicaragua and the Dominican Republic. Alla Pugacheva will sing in Yugoslavia and Hungary.

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